

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

COVID-19 EMERGENCY LOAN RELIEF FUND

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2020

The special meeting of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority convened at 8:30 a.m. via teleconference only at 470-869-2200/meeting ID 428-245-6027 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the first meeting to discuss COVID-19 Emergency Loan Relief Fund requests.

The following were in attendance at this meeting:

Authority Members	MMG Staff
Les Hall	Randy Croxton
Sharon Pinder	Anthony Williams
Laura Pasternak	Tim Smoot
Gina Ramsey	Stanley Tucker
Clem Kaikis	Mark Harrison
Kenny Oreagba	Robin Harris

Attorney General's Office
Barbara Kountz, Deputy Counsel

AGENDA

NEW REQUEST

Amethyst Technologies, LLC
ApartmentSmart.com, Inc.
Mansfield Realtors, LLC
Magothy Payments, Inc.
SilcsBio, LLC
531, Inc.
Company No. 5 & Brewery, LLC dba Smoketown Brewing Station
F.C. Tax & Accounting, Inc.
Nepenthe Homebrew, LLC dba Nepenthe Brewing Co.
SRB Communications, LLC


The closed session of the July 23, 2020, meeting was summarized. The Authority Board meeting was attended by Les Hall, Gina Ramsey, Chuck Martin, Clem Kaikis, and Mara Sierocinski. The meeting was closed to comply with requirements of the Maryland Public Information Act so that there would not be disclosure of confidential, commercial, and financial information associated with the applicants. The meeting was closed to discuss the following:

The following requests were approved.

1. J. Marshall & Associates, LLC – Roll balance of \$100,000 line of credit into existing term loan to bring it to original \$400,000; Extend \$25,000 line of credit with a change in the maturity to July 31, 2021
2. Mid Atlantic Broadband, Inc. – Change annual principal payments to quarterly payments with interest payments to continue quarterly; extend term by three months to October 31, 2021

The Open Meeting then closed at 8:40 a.m. upon motion made and seconded, and approved by all voting members, the meeting was closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b) (13), “to comply with a specific... statutory... requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter”, that is, the Maryland Public Information Act prohibits disclosure of trade secrets, confidential commercial and confidential financial information. Chairman Les Hall signed the Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting under the Open Meetings Act, which is attached to these minutes as an exhibit.

APPROVED:


Celester A. Hall
Chairman

DATE:

11-18-20

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**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT
(General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting:

Date: August 5, 2020

Time: 8:40 am – 9:23 am

Location: Held by conference call due to COVID 19 pandemic: 1.470.869.2200/
428 245 6027

Motion to close meeting made by: Sharon Pinder; Seconded by Laura Pasternak

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Celester Hall, Chair, Designee Secretary of Commerce	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Clemis Kaikis, designee of Comptroller	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Charles Martin	[]	[]	[]	[x]
Kehinde Oreagba	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Laura Pasternak	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Sharon Pinder	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Gina Ramsey	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Mara Sierocinski	[]	[]	[]	[x]

2. Citation of statutory authority to close session (check all that apply): This meeting is being closed under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b), only:

____ (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;

____ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;

____ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;

____ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;

____ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;

____ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;

X (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;

____ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

____ (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

____ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;

____ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;

____ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;

X (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;

____ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

3. Disclosure of the topics to be discussed, for each citation checked above:

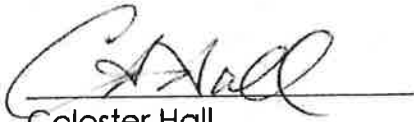
§3-305(b)(13) topics: Discussion and evaluation of the applications received from potential borrowers for financial assistance under programs of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, which applications include the disclosure of financial information of private individuals and confidential commercial and financial information.

§3-305(b)(7) topics: Legal advice from counsel to the Authority with respect to the applications.

4. For each topic listed in #2, disclosure of the reason for discussing it in closed session rather than in open session:

§3-305(b)(13): Financial information of private individuals is protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act (§4-336) and confidential commercial and financial information is protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act (§4-335).
§3-305(b)(7): Protection of the attorney-client privilege.

This statement is made by Celester Hall, Chair of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, Presiding Officer.


Celester Hall
Chair